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A. W. DULLES DOUBTS SOVIET MISSILE LEAD

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Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said today he had "no evidence" that Russia was ahead of the United States in the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

He also said he felt "quite sure that the Soviet's "are not ahead of us" in the use of atomic energy to generate electric power, in spite of the "very dramatic program announced recently in their sixth five-year plan."

Mr. Dulles appeared in a filmed interview over three New York television stations. He was questioned by Representative Harold C. Ostertag, Republican of Upstate New York. Mr. Dulles hesitated to make a comparison between United States and Soviet development of the long-range missiles.

He said the Russians "have made quite a lot of progress in that field, but I have no evidence they are ahead of us."

Senate Democrats have charged that the Administration has permitted the Soviet to forge ahead of this country.

Turning to recent attacks on Joseph Stalin by current Soviet leaders, Mr. Dulles said he believed the Kremlin was trying to persuade the "befuddled" Russian people that "they are doing away with tyranny." But, he said, the Kremlin still was dominated "by a bunch of tyrants."